of Uttar Pradesh have been approved for Central financial assistance during 1999-2000 and first instalment is under release:—

S.No.	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Integrated Development of Allahabad- Development of Khoosrobagh, Macfursan Lake and Shivkuti	36.36
2.	Networking of Hospitality Unit and Office of U.P. Tourism	40.00
3.	Construction of 32 bedded TRH and its beautification, Tapovan	69.77
4.	Construction of FRP Huts at Chiplakot and Pancheshwar	12.00
5.	Development of Tourist Village Kasardevi	25.00
6.	Signages in Kumaon Region	30.00
7.	Wayside amenities in Garhwal Region :	
	1. Naibag	07.92
	2. Karna Prayag	14.53
	3. Satputli	16.13
	4. Son Prayag	07.96

New initiatives to encourage tourism in the country include use of Information Technology, promotion of cultural, heritage and spiritual tourism, incentives for private investment in tourism industry etc.

Private sector participation in Tourism in Assam

5466. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific scheme in tourism sector for Assam in private and public sector during the ninth plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total amount to be spent thereon; and

(e) the concrete steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/UTs for the development of tourist infrastructure for projects prioritised every year for that year in consultation with them. During the first three years of Ninth Plan Ministry of Tourism sanctioned an amount of Rs. 11.04 crores for 46 projects to the Government of Assam for construction of Yatri Niwases, Tourist Lodges, Tourist Complexes, Wayside amenities, Fair & Festivals etc.

(d) and (e) The project proposals to be taken up by the Government of Assam during the year 2000-2001 are to be discussed with the Government of Assam in the prioritisation meeting to be held shortly.

Pending Irrigation Projects

†5467. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of irrigation projects are lying pending upto the end of the Eighth Plan even after spending crores of rupees and some of the projects, which have been going on for the last 30—35 years are not likely to be completed in the next 10 years;

(b) the details of the project lying pending, State-wise for the last 10 years;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of these projects;

(d) whether Government have taken any action for early completion of these projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) At the end of the Eighth Plan, there were 162 Major and 240 Medium ongoing Irrigation Projects. Of these, 147 major and 194 medium Projects have been ongoing since last 10 years. State-wise details of these projects is given in enclosed Statement (*See* below).

Among them only 11 Major and one Medium Projects are going on for the last 30—35 years and the likely to be completed beyond Ninth Plan.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.